

Lower Walkley Community Group meeting minutes: Tuesday 16th April 2013

People present:

Mike Hutchinson
Lori Kitchin
Peter West
Anna Clark

Apologies:

Ken Dorning

Minutes from 26th March accepted

Agenda:

- 1) Members present
- 2) Apologies
- 3) Minutes from previous meeting
- 4) Matters arising
- 5) Plots/tenancy
- 6) Work days
- 7) Open meeting
- 8) AOB
- 9) Date of next meeting

Discussions:

- It was confirmed that money from the community assembly is now in the bank
- The tenancy agreement for the four plots needs to be signed
- Insurance needs to be sorted out
- An initial plan for how to proceed with the four plots was discussed, plot 58 will be pond/wildlife area as it is a wet area already, plots 55-57 will be cleared and used for growing food, it was thought maybe a co-operative effort for the first year as things need planting quickly; a diagonal path will be put across the plots and a raised bed on plot 55.
- It was agreed membership will be charged at £1 per person
- The workdays were discussed, people will need to bring their own tools, the start time is 10am, no specific finishing time, will just see how the day goes. Rubbish found on site will need to be bagged up.
- The group will look at getting a shredder to shred green waste which can be mulched and put back on the land.
- Security of the site was discussed, privet can be weaved back into the hedges and a gate or door can be put on the entrance.
- The open meeting was discussed, it was agreed that the overall plan would be presented, people would be given a chance to become paid up members, and possible issues with local tenants were discussed such as the possibility of bonfires on site, problems with parking, interference with wildlife and the area with contamination on it – it was discussed if the area had had a survey done on it and if we could get access to the survey results.
- Next meeting to be confirmed

Actions:

Pete will sort out maps of the site for the meeting.
Mike will prepare the overall plan for the meeting.
Anna will make membership forms.
Mike will get in touch with the council about the contamination survey.